

Amherst Recycling & Refuse Management Committee
Meeting Agenda

April 4, 2013 • Department of Public Works • Conference Room, 4:30 PM

Attending: Sue Morrello, Laurel Dickey, Cristina Cox Fernandes, Brenda Davies, Craig Goff, Arnie Alper (visitor), Susan Waite.

Unanimous approval of February 2013 minutes as edited.

Spring Event Planning

April 27, 2013. Over 100 vendors have signed up to participate in the Sustainability Festival. The committee should remember to prepare for wind or rain. Discussion on how to be recognizable as a committee member – Laurel and Cristina will make nametags. Arnie mentions that Staples is having a sale on banners. Susan will order a banner on-line at Staples. Next year we want to involve the Survival Center in the textile collection. Susan will talk to Guilford Mooring about whether composters can be ordered for sale. Susan will create an on-line sign-up for participation at the festival (people to staff the committee's table).

Taste of Amherst

Father's Day weekend in June (June 13-16, 2013). Committee members could volunteer to help with trash sorting at the event.

Earth Day and Extravaganga

Weekend of April 21 & 22. No formal committee involvement.

Earth Day Insert

Susan Waite is creating an insert for the Gazette, Bulletin, and Greenfield Recorder.

Transfer Station Update

Guilford Mooring has stated that the steps that need to be taken next, in moving towards zero waste, need to be identified in a 2-4 year plan. Sue Morello suggests that solving the problem of how to keep the transfer station viable will require people who know how to solve this sort of business problem, and that there may be people at UMass who could help with this. Susan Waite and Steve (at the transfer station) have been working to determine alternatives that will make the transfer station viable. The Committee recommends that the Town of Amherst get assistance from people at the UMass business school in order to create the most well informed decision. A motion was made by Laurel to request that the DPW staff make a decision independent of this committee concerning where the solid waste and construction debris from the transfer station will be taken when the South Hadley landfill closes. Vote: 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Laurel made a motion that DPW staff members create a plan that would allow the solid waste enterprise fund to support the town's solid waste services, on which the Committee will provide input and will potentially endorse. Passed unanimously.

6:05 Sue Morello and Brenda Davies needed to depart. Quorum was no longer met.

Member Recruitment

The committee will plan to look for potential committee members at the Sustainability Festival.

New Business

Congratulations to Susan Waite for being recognized by the Amherst League of Women Voters on International Women's Day.

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